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SUBJECT: FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH WHO ADG FURTH ON BUDGETARY
MATTERS

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1. IN CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS TODAY WITH WHO ADG FURTH, MISOFF HAS
LEARNED WHO WILL NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET REQUEST FOR
CY 1975. THIS INFORMATION WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC FOR ANOTHER TWO
WEEKS.

2. HOWEVER ADG FURTH STATED THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
FOR CY 1976, ONE OF WHICH WILL LIKELY BE LOWERING SWISS FRANC
EXCHANGE RATE STILL FURTHER FROM 2.90 TO 2.51. 2.51 IS THE
EXCHANGE RATE FIXED BY ILO THIS PAST MARCH, IS COMMON ACCOUNTING
RATE FOR UN FOR APRIL AND HAPPENS TO BE CURRENT MARKET RATE.

3. REF PARA ONE OF REFTTEL, DG MAHLER AND ADG FURTH GREATLY
APPRECIATE NOT ONLY USG SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING OF WHO
CRITICAL BUDGETING SHORTFALL RESULTING FROM DOLLAR-SWISS FRANC
EXCHANGE RATE BUT SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY USG WITH REFERENCE
TO DG MAHLER'S QUOTE OUTSTANDING EFFORTS TO HOLD BUDGET DOWN
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END QUOTE.

4. REF PARA 2 REFTTEL, ADG FURTH APPRECIATES USG DIFFICULTIES IN REQUESTING EXTRAORDINARY DOLLAR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FOR WHO BUT INDICATED TO MISOFF THAT WHO WOULD WELCOME US CONTRIBUTION IN SOME OTHER CURRENCY. IF FEASIBLE, ADG FURTH INQUIRED WOULD US FIRST ADVISE WHO OF CURRENCY AND AMOUNT IN VIEW OF POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS TO US AND WHO. APROPOS, WHO HAS RECEIVED NO VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE.

5. REF PARA 3, REFTTEL, ADG FURTH RESPONDED DG MAHLER DID NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE OIL-PRODUCING STATES PARTICULARLY IN MIND IN REQUESTING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS BUT DECIDED VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION ROUTE WAS ONE MORE POSSIBILITY OPEN TO WHO IN EXHAUSTING EVERY CHANNEL IN ORDER TO KEEP ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CY 1976 TO MINIMUM LEVEL.

6. MISOFF WISHES TO EMPHASIZE DG MAHLER AND ADG FURTH GENUINE APPRECIATION FOR US UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT AT THIS TIME WHEN WHO IS EXPERIENCING BUDGETARY DIFFICULTIES.
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